Crude Oil

5254. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a huge quantity of non-renewable source (gas) is wasted while extracting crude oil;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to make it incumbent on producers of crude oil to create conditions for utilisation of gas;

(d) if so, the plan of actions in details;

(e) whether the Government propose to impose penalty for producing crude oil without utilising gas, and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The associated gas which is produced alongwith crude oil is utilised for a variety of purposes like captive power generation, artificial lift operations, extraction of value added products and supplied to GAIL for transportation, distribution and marketing to various consumers. However, some gas has to be flared due to technical reasons, fluctuations of consumers demand, not being commercially utilisable due to low pressure etc.

(c) to (f) Since the utilisation of associated gas depends on many factors like its economic viability, demand for gas from consumers, the existance of infrastructural facilities etc. it can not be made mandatory. However, several steps are being taken to maximise the gas utilisation. These are—

(i) Creation of infrastructural facilities for collection, compression, transportation and distribution of gas.

(ii) Installation of underground storage systems to conserve gas.

(iii) Implementation of gas flaring reduction projects.

(iv) Improvement of gas sales/utilisation through identification of consumers.

Allotment of Flats

5255. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applicants declared eligible for the allotment of category II flat in Mukherjee Nagar under SFS scheme V for which payment was to be made in four instalments;

(b) the date on which the specific draw of flats was held;

(c) the number out of declared eligible applicants who deposited all the four instalments to become eligible for specific draw of flats before the date of such draw;

(d) whether some applicants who had deposited all the four instalments were not included in the specific draw of flats;

(e) if so, the particulars of those applicants and the reasons for their non-inclusion in the draw; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure that all such left out applicants who are otherwise eligible are allotted their flats ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) The DDA has reported that allotment of 180 category II flats (out of a total of 188 flats constructed) has been made to the applicants of SFS V and other Schemes who were eligible for specific allotments of flats. Cases of few other applicants are under process.

(b) Majority of the flats have been allotted under two draws held on 31.3.94 and 16.2.95.

(c) to (f) Allotments of flats have been made only to those applicants who had paid four instalments within the permissible period. In one case of Sh. Girdhari Lal Agarwal, the flat could not be allotted despite the fact that he had paid all the four instalments because the applicant had not submitted the 3rd copy of the challan as required under the terms of allotment. The case is under process for allotment of a specific flat.

Cadre Policy Guidelines

5256. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether caders of officers of the Indian Administrative Service have been changed since the year 1991 in relaxation of the cadre policy guidelines; and

(b) if so, the number of such cadre transfers and reasons therefor including the names of officers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b) Inter-Cadre transfers are allowed under Rule 5(2) of IAS (Cadre) Rules, 1954. Under the policy, inter-cadre transfers to members of All India Services are allowed on marriage with another member of an All India Service. However, in exceptional cases, inter-cadre transfers have been considered on medical/personal grounds. A list of I.A.S. officers transferred to other her cadres since 1991 in relaxation of the policy is given in the attached Statement.